

VAST MINING OPERATIONS ON FRENCH FRONT IN WEST

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Hills for Frenchmen's Tunnel
To Run Into German Underground
Gallery—Pneumatic Drill Used.

BAR-LIE-DUC, FRANCE, March 4.—The mining operations on some sections of the French front resemble vast railroad tunneling enterprises. All along the slope of hills where the summits alone separate the combatants, there are mouths of tunnels framed with timbers such as support the galleries of coal mines. All day and all night soldiers wheel earth out of those tunnels to platforms where dumpers are waiting to carry it off to be used in the grading of new strategic lines.

A study of the official communiques gives only slight indications of the object of all this activity. What it means depends upon the lay of the land; in some cases it amounts to nothing less than the blowing off of the tops of hills. There are places where the Germans held the summit, and the French are dug in on the slope; there are others where neither the French nor Germans have been able to occupy the summit, excepting a small isolated advance post, that are annihilated at intervals, and here it is necessary to blow the top off the height before an issue can be reached.

"This tunneling has been going on for more than a year in some places, but public evidences of the extent of it date only from the beginning of the year.

BIG mines are exploded every day inside these honeycombed hills, where it is not rare for the Frenchmen's tunnel to run into a German underground gallery. If they meet before the mine is ready, it is a "blowout" or a small blast, that is set off by the adversary that locates the other fellow first. It is quickly done with an American pneumatic tool that bores a hole in the direction from which comes the tell-tale sound of the pick. A charge of dynamite, hydrolyte or moltenite is stuffed in, and the hole is plugged, so that the mine is safe, and the force of the explosion all turned toward the adversary's gallery.

BLASTING DONE TO HASTEN WORK OF EXCAVATING

Blasting is sometimes done also to hasten the excavating work, but most of the digging requiring discretion is the work of the American pneumatic drill and pneumatic pick kept working by air compressors brought up to the foot of the hill.

The forests of the Argonne all along the front have been razed by shell and shrapnel, and the aspect of the hills is being still further modified by these tunneling and mining operations.

A practical miner in private life, specialized at the front in this kind of work, describes the conditions under which the work is often suddenly stopped and the enemy's operations checked at the same time.

"The sappers are digging, shoveling in silence, when suddenly one of them stops, he has heard a hollow sound in the soil under his pick, two or three more strokes, and his instinct of an old miner reveals to him that there is a hole under the gallery he strikes again, the point of the pick penetrates, there is no more doubt but that a German blasting hole exists underneath. The sapper drops the pick, and with perfect celerity, Stuart's Calomine Waters remove the impurities from the hole, they do it quickly completely. There are many more新颖的 cleansers ever known. They are harmless. Don't expect face creams to do this big work. Go to the drug store to-day and get a box of Stuart's Calomine Waters, contents, but are really worth many dollars to you if your face is marred by pimples, spots, blotches, blackheads, mutton-chops, etc. Stuart's Calomine Waters are the most effective blood and skin purifiers in the world. Send for free sample and mail coupon below for free trial package.

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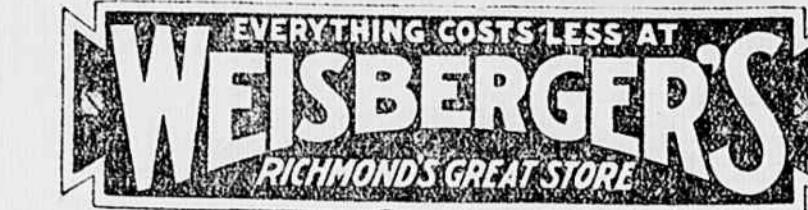
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